

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 15, 2005

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called the meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Mayor Fred Armstrong.
 - B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Michael Dilts.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of February 1, 2005. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - E. Mayor Armstrong took the opportunity to recognize the 5th and 6th grade Southside girls' basketball team that won the city tournament. This team was coached by Columbus Public Safety Director, Jim Norris. Mayor Armstrong also recognized Nick Werner, reporter for The Republic newspaper who is leaving this community to take another position.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. None
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2005, APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA." (landowners Harold and or David Force) Judy Jackson introduced Harold Force, one of the landowners of the property in question. Discussion occurred regarding the new procedure on Designation of Economic Revitalization and tax abatement. Robert Kittle asked City Attorney, Tim Coriden, to explain the new procedure. Robert Kittle indicated that the Incentive Review Committee had met and found the area to be in substantial compliance. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2005, APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA." (landowner Vera E. Force) Judy Jackson explained this was a different piece of property and again the Force family was asking that the property be designated as an economic revitalization area. Ann DeVore moved to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "AG" (AGRICULTURAL) TO "SU-11" (SPECIAL USE-PUBLIC BUILDINGS & USES)." (Clay Township Fire Dept.) Jeff Bergman

explained where this property is located and reported the Columbus Plan Commission had met and the rezoning was given a favorable recommendation by that Commission. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “PUD” (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO “R-6C” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).” (Charles Blunck) Jeff Bergman explained where this property is located and reported the Columbus Plan Commission had met and this re-zoning was given a favorable recommendation by the Commission with three (3) conditions. Discussion followed. Robert Kittle moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-6” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “B-1” (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS).” (John Freed) Jeff Bergman reported that the Columbus Plan Commission had met and that the rezoning was given an unfavorable recommendation. There was discussion regarding the re-zoning and the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. and Mrs. John Freed spoke on behalf of the proposed Ordinance and handed out a document containing portions of the Comprehensive Plan. They spoke how they felt they were in compliance with that Plan. Mr. and Mrs. Freed handed out pictures of the property to show the improvements that had been made. Mr. Bob Weeks, a homeowner in the neighborhood, spoke in opposition of the re-zoning. He handed out pictures of the area along with explanation and reason for opposition. Much discussion followed. Robert Kittle moved to place the matter in proper channels with the conditions as recommended by the Planning Department staff. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- F. Discussion of Columbus Zoning & Subdivision Control Ordinance Revision Process. Jeff Bergman informed the City Council of the progress on the process of the zoning and subdivision control ordinance revision. Jeff indicated he anticipated the process would be completed by the end of the 2005 year. Discussion followed. No action was needed by the Council.
- G. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2005, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY BUDGET.” Matt McCord indicated he was before the Council asking for the release of funds to purchase six (6) new police vehicles; two (2) undercover vehicles; equipment for police cars; and sixty-one (61) sets of body armor. Matt explained the police visibility plan and how it ties in with his need for additional police cars. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to pass the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Matt McCord also informed the Council of the new city policy as it refers to tobacco use while on duty.

IV. Other Business

- A. Presentation by Jim Murray of SWMD. Jim Murray, Director of Solid Waste Management told the City Council of the upcoming changes at the landfill as of March 1, 2005. The change would call for a 200 pound limit per day per customer.
- B. Robert Kittle, City Council Person reported the ambulance survey was moving forward according to the plan.
- C. Next Regular Scheduled meeting is March 1, 2005.
- D. Adjourn – Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer